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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 13020

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CVIS, US, PLO, UNGA

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR PLO REPS TO UNGA

REF: (A) STATE 243490; (B) BEIRUT 12960; (C) USUN 5156; (D) CAIRO
10441; (E) PARIS 26954

BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

1. UPON RECEIPT STATE 245361 AUTHORIZING VISA ISSUANCE,
EMBASSY NOTIFIED PLO OFFICE BEIRUT OCT 16 THAT VISAS COULD
BE GIVEN AT ANY TIME. PPTS OF SIX DELEGATES PRESENTED
BEIRUT OCT 17 AND VISAS ISSUED IMMEDIATELY. PLO INFORMED
EMBASSY THAT PPTS OF TWO DELEGATES PRESENTLY OUTSIDE LEB-
ANON WILL BE PRESENTED LATER THIS WEEK.

2. ONE DELEGATE ISSUED NIV BERN OCT 17. REMAINING TWO
SCHEDULED APPLY MEXICO THIS WEEK.

3. ON OCT 18, BEIRUT ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY, "AL MUHARRIR",
WHICH HAS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH BEIRUT PLO OFFICE,
PUBLISHED FOLLOWING RE REPORTS THAT USG HAD REFUSED VISAS TO
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PLO DELEGATION TO UNGA: QUOTE. RESPONSIBLE SOURCE AT

PLO OFFICE IN BEIRUT DENIED WHAT NEWS AGENCIES HAD QUOTED PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS AS SAYING ABOUT THE REFUSAL TO GRANT ENTRY VISAS TO THE PLO DELEGATION TO THE UN. SOURCE DECLARED THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT HAD ISSUED ENTRY VISAS TO ALL (SIC) MEMBERS OF DELEGATION. THESE VISAS PERMIT DELEGATION TO BE PRESENT IN A LIMITED AREA AROUND UN NOT TO EXCEED A FEW KILOMETERS. "MUHARRIR" HAS LEARNED THAT PLO CHARGE IN NY HAS PROPOSED TO UN SECRETARIAT THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE UNTIL NOV 3 RPT NOV 3. END QUOTE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WE FIND MENTION OF POSTPONEMENT SUGGESTION INTERESTING AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AS TO TRUTH OF "MUHARRIR" REPORT. WE HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED FROM USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE THAT PLO DELEGATION PLANS TO DELAY ARRIVAL AT UNGA UNTIL AFTER RPT AFTER PRES SADAT HAS ADDRESSED BODY. POSTPONEMENT PLOY WOULD PROBABLY FACILITATE THIS MANEUVER IF, AS WE UNDERSTAND, SADAT PLANS MAKE ADDRESS OCT 28 RPT 28. END CONFIDENTIAL. GODLEY

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